

Message

From: Huang, Judy [Huang.Judy@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/8/2021 3:45:16 PM
To: Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Information Request

FYI

From: Huang, Judy
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 7:45 AM
To: 'Isabella Langa' <belladlanga@gmail.com>
Cc: 'Jennifer Boyce - NOAA Federal' <jennifer.boyce@noaa.gov>
Subject: RE: Information Request

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As you can see from this additional article published in the LA Times on January 31 (<https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2021-01-31/california-sea-lions-cancer-ddt>), this is a very large and complex issue. While we are looking to our federal natural resource trustee partners to take the lead on this issue for now, given the complexities it is premature to predict who will take the lead or be involved, including at the State, as we move further along.

As for my NOAA contact, her name is Jennifer Boyce (copied on this email). Ms. Boyce's email address is: jennifer.boyce@noaa.gov.

Thank you for your interest.

Regards,

Judy

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From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 6:33 PM
To: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Information Request

Ms. Huang:

Thank you for the information; that is interesting that this would be considered a NOAA or FWS project, though it makes sense given the natural resources at potential risk. I continue to remain interested in this matter; can you identify the program or person at those agencies with whom I can follow up?

I understand that funding is critical to this initial investigation stage, and my ultimate goal is to attempt to raise attention and assist in the allocation of resources at this early phase. My father is an environmental attorney with experience in CERCLA, and our discussions in part focused on the CERCLA listing process, but given EPA's role as consulting with federal and state partners, would such processes be applicable to this situation? If not, do you know what resources are being accessed? I would be happy to hear any ideas you may have; thank you again for your attention and assistance.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Jan 21, 2021 at 1:37 PM Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov> wrote:

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I am the EPA person working on this issue.

As I mentioned, we are coordinating with our state and federal partners at this time, and primarily looking to our federal natural resource trustee partners, including NOAA and US Fish and Wildlife Service, to take the lead on this issue for now, while in consultation with EPA.

Thank you for your continuing interest.

Judy

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From: I [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 8:27 PM
To: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Information Request

Ms. Huang:

Thank you for your response; that is welcome news. I would like to follow up on this matter further. Could you please direct me to the EPA representative (or representatives) taking the lead regarding the investigation of the historical permitted ocean dump sites?

Again, I appreciate you taking the time to respond to my question.

Sincerely,

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From: "Huang, Judy" <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Date: January 20, 2021 at 3:38:23 PM PST
To: [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
Cc: "Martinez Leon, Yarissa" <martinez.yarissa@epa.gov>, "Chesnutt, John" <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>, "Duarte, Romie" <Duarte.Romie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Information Request

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My name is Judy Huang and I am the EPA project manager for the cleanup of the Palos Verdes Shelf portion of the Montrose Superfund site.

Ms. Leon Martinez kindly forwarded your email inquiry regarding the waste drums to me. I apologize for the delayed response.

These barrels were found by UC Santa Barbara Professor David Valentine.

According to my conversations with Professor Valentine, these waste drums were found in a permitted historical ocean industrial waste disposal site where numerous industrial facilities, including Montrose, disposed of their industrial wastes. This and multiple other ocean disposal sites in the area were permitted by the US Army Corps of Engineers and/or the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

While the existence of these dumpsites is not new, EPA is working with our State, Federal, and local partners to look at Professor Valentine's information and to discuss the issues associated with these historical permitted ocean disposal sites. This is an important step in determining any next steps, either by the State or the United States.

Let me know if you have further questions. Thank you for your interest.

Judy

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From: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 6:54 PM

To: Martinez Leon, Yarissa <martinez.yarissa@epa.gov>

Subject: Information Request

Hello Ms. Martinez-Leon,

I am emailing you regarding the recent discovery of an offshore dumpsite of DDT byproducts near Santa Catalina Island. As a concerned and interested citizen of the local community, I am curious about the actions being taken to investigate the potential damage that these barrels can do to the environment. As you are the remedial project manager of the established Montrose Superfund site, I concluded that you might be the person to initially contact regarding such information. Are you aware of whether the United States is conducting a preliminary assessment or otherwise taking any initial oversight or investigation steps? What would be the initial steps taken to facilitate United States involvement; for example, how would such a site be investigated and evaluated for listing on the National Priorities List? Is there someone else to whom I should pose these questions?

Any information you could supply me with as to the current administrative processes being undertaken surrounding the dumpsite would be greatly appreciated. I recognize that you are busy and likely have many responsibilities at the moment, so I thank you in advance.

Regards,

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